(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The port officers offer their advice to the custom in respect of import of drugs and cosmetics into the country. They ensure that the drugs and cosmetics are imported in accordance to the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and Rules made thereunder. The samples of the drugs are drawn on random basis to check the quality of drugs imported into the country.

(c) No amendment of Rule 43 A in respect of drugs imported at IGIA is under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

GMP for vaccine manufacturing PSUs

1348.SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO guidelines for Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) are mandatory or recommendatory for domestic use of vaccines;

(b) if recommendatory, the reasons for suspension of production license of three public sector vaccine manufacturing enterprises; and

(c) if mandatory, what steps Government is taking to get GMP in the said institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) WHO guidelines for GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES (GMP) are not mandatory for domestic use of vaccine.

(b) Schedule-M of Drugs & Cosmetics Act prescribing Good Manufacturing Practices requirement is mandatory for all units manufacturing drugs in the country. The three Public Sector Units were found not complying to the Schedule M requirements of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act after the inspection, and hence, their licenses were suspended in January, 2008.

(c) Does not arise.

Empowering of girl child

1349.SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether country lost 30 million girls of foeticide and the Centre has decided to make Pre-natal Diagnostic Act more stringent;

(b) if so, whether under proposed amendment to the Act clinics and doctors conducting sex determination would be stripped off their licenses, fined up to Rs.7 lakh and be imprisoned for up to three years;

(e) whether Prime Minister has urged every State to step forward towards empowering girl child; and